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## Students react to presidential election result Sit-in allows campus to speak out after divisive period of voting

BY ELIANA BATREZ & JACOB TURNROSE  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR & OPINION EDITOR

On Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 12:30 p.m., a group of students, faculty, and staff gathered in a large semicircle to allow people the chance to vocalize their thoughts on the recent election of Donald J. Trump as the next U.S. President and the implications it would have on minority groups all over the country.

According to Ines Sosa '17, who publicized the event on the End the Silence movement's Facebook group, this "sit-in" was not organized by one individual or club. Rather, "It was a collective response by a group of students who, in the moment [of the election], felt that it was necessary to make a space for students to express themselves." The Intercultural Center and the Women's Resource Center also made themselves available for those in need of conversation and/or self-expression.

During the sit-in, one by one, people got up to speak. Directly behind each person stood a large poster stating: "We stand in Solidarity with...LGBT+, People of Color, Minorities, Immigrants, and Inmates."

Many participants told the crowd that they had repeatedly been told to "calm down" or that they were "overreacting" in light of the election results. Others spoke of the anger and betrayal they felt. For these community members, this election goes beyond politics. "The personal is political," said Emily Lucot '17, reiterating the words spoken by countless feminist activists in the 1960's.

Throughout the event, many students detailed the ways in which this election personally affects them. One of these students was Monica Anne '18, who stated, "I'm worried, we're all shaken. I'm worried for my friends who might get deported. I'm worried for my friends who'd [have to] get conversion therapy." Conversion therapy refers to a type of psychological treatment or counseling designed to change a person's sexual orientation from homosexual or bisexual to heterosexual.

The concerns expressed by Monica Anne relate to Mike Pence, the Vice President elect, who has been a proponent of such counseling in the past. His 2000 congressional campaign platform reads, "Resources should be directed toward those institutions which provide assistance to those seeking to change their sexual behavior," under a section entitled "Strengthening the American Family."

Natalia Gonzalez-Smith '18, questioned the role her life would play, as an Afro-Latina woman, in a country led by Donald Trump. "How can I protect my life if I'm not allowed to live?" Gonzalez-Smith asked the crowd. For her, the election of a man spouting and empowering sexist and racist rhetoric, combined with the pressure put on her to remain quiet in an effort not to draw attention to



THE SIT-IN allowed students and faculty to take action and reflect on their emotions. (Courtesy of Jayman Peterson)

herself present a very bleak reality.

Amongst the crowds were more signs saying things such as, "Not my president," "We are America," and "Trump, a president for all. Brought to you by the KKK [Klu Klux Klan]." The latter refers to David Duke's endorsement of Donald Trump; David Duke being the former leader of the KKK. Not everyone who spoke up was convinced that every Donald Trump supporter ascribed to everything he said and did during the campaign. Najib Niaza, a Saint Mary's graduate student, believed that Trump's popularity also had to do with the state of the national economy. Niaza commented, "A lot of people were empowered [by Trump]."

Niaza brought up the point that, "We are a more tech-based economy [now], and the skills that are required [in a tech-based economy] are not present in rural or industrial America. They are dying due to globalization and advancing technology." He continued to add that anytime a new section of the economy grows at the expense of another section, friction develops.

Niaza talked about how Trump's promises to bring manufacturing jobs back, those lost in the process of globalization and international trade deals, are appealing to the white working class—at least in the short term and at least in terms of Trump's language.

This is especially the case in states such as Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, and Pennsylvania which were taken by Barack Obama in his 2012 reelection, but were lost to Donald Trump in this election. The working class, white demographic has long been considered a key part of the Democratic Party coalition.

Some were less inclined to talk on the phenomenon of the Trump supporter. Rachel Hartley '17 called for those who voted for Donald Trump to immediately unfriend

her on Facebook. She also spoke out on undecided voters stating, "If you didn't vote, shame on you," and continued, "A lot of you Green Party people turned to the Green Party right when Hillary was elected. You should've been consistent about that from the beginning."

Considering the past couple of weeks, the weather on Wednesday afternoon was exceptionally hot, paralleling the exasperated state felt within the crowd. However, the sit in was also used as a platform to express hope and determination against the Donald Trump presidency.

Victor Jaimes '18, President of Students for a Democratic Society, sang a spirited protest song which went — "Rise up, rise up, rise up, rise up my people, rise up!" Directly after, Megan Collins '17 led the crowd in a call and response. When she said "Fired up?" the crowd responded, "Ready to go!" This call and response was made famous during Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. She urged the crowd to take action, whether it be protesting or voting in the midterm elections two years from now. Needless to say, the crowd on Wednesday was dismayed by the election result, but prepared to take action against any perceived injustice imposed by the president-elect.

To wrap up the event, Janelle Atienza '17 concluded that "It's hard to describe the mood of the sit in because there really wasn't just one mood. There were tears, there was anger, there was love, and there was empowerment. With a disheartening, national event like this, it is hard to describe one's thoughts and feelings. There really are no words. Though we all came to this event with heavy hearts, we left with hugs and raised fists."

*Zayra Rivera contributed to this article and was one of the reporters for this event.*

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## Chinaka Hodge performs selection of poems

BY CHRISTINA BLESSENT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If the walls of the LeFevre Theater could talk, they would be quoting lines from Chinaka Hodge's book of poetry, entitled "Dated Emcees," which was released in June of this year. Hodge is a poet, playwright, screenwriter, and educator from West Oakland whose works tend to focus on gentrification. However, according to the back cover of her book, "Dated Emcees" is her way of "[examining] her love life through the lens of hip-hop's best known orators, characters,

archetypes, and songs."

On Thursday evening, Hodge performed a selection of her poems from the book as well as two unpublished works. The event was hosted by the English Department, and was also supported by many other on-campus departments. The performance included "a new poem that [she] shared at TED Women," an annual conference that seeks to educate and empower women to ignite change through creativity and innovation. The other unpublished work she performed was an acapella rap of her own creation. "I think it's wrong to write about rappers and not

be able to do what they do," Hodge said to preface the piece.

For Hodge, "performing" does not mean simply reading the words printed in her copy of "Dated Emcees." She added in a few dance moves between poems and a generous sprinkling of jokes. After reading her first piece, she apologized to "anybody I spat on in the front row. It's like Sea World up here! Splash zone." The audience reacted to each statement with laughter.

To wrap up the event, Hodge took time to answer questions from the audience member **see Chinaka Hodge, page 3**



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## The Collegian

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*"To act upon one's convictions while others wait,  
To create a positive force in a world  
where cynics abound,  
To provide information to people when  
it wasn't available before,  
To offer those who want it, a choice—"*  
—TED TURNER

### EDITORIAL

## Dear Donald: Your victory is not call for celebration

BY ALEXA GAMBERO  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Donald,

Now that you've been elected to the highest governmental position in our nation, now that you have managed to traumatize every minority and historically under-represented American, and now that you have made us fear for our lives, here's what we need from you.

First, since you've been elected to lead a Christian nation, you should deliver a formal apology. Keep in mind that an apology will not change the fact that you have personally offended tens of millions of Americans whose sheer existence makes us vulnerable to harassment and violence on a daily basis, even before Election Day. Keep in mind that we will not feel any sense of consolation from your apology. You need to apologize because that's what good, Christian people, the people who you identify with, are supposed to do. You need to apologize to show your supporters that they, too, have in their infallibility the ability to have remorse. To make this easier for you, here is a list of groups you have bullied. Since Election Day, people from these groups have been the victims of hate crimes. Their attackers must have known that you'd blame the victims.

1. Women
2. Black people
3. Mexican and Latinx people
4. Asian people
5. Muslim people
6. Jewish people
7. People who do not practice Christian religions
8. Physically and mentally disabled people
9. LGBTQIA+ identified people
10. Young people
11. Immigrants and their families
12. Veterans

Notice how I used the word "people" to describe many of the groups that you have hurt. The next thing you need to do is stop using the word "the" to group people you share this world with. For example, when you said that "the gays" love you, you were not only delusional, but you referred to them in a way that shaped them to be a group that you hold power over. Your disregard for the importance of visibility and respect has led me to believe that the LGBTQIA+ community, and every other "the" that has come from your loud mouth, is a group that you are refusing to respect by acknowledging that they, too, are human beings.

The next thing you need to do is learn what it means to be part of the Republican Party and the American Democratic system. Since you haven't paid taxes since before

I was born, I doubt that you are familiar with the laws that already exist in America. For example, you were caught eyeing Melania's ballot while she voted on Tuesday, Nov. 8. I don't think you would have known or cared that you were breaking the law, but for future reference, it is a crime to spy on or try to persuade people at polling places. Other things that are considered to be criminal in America include: sexual assault, creating a fabricated educational institution, inciting violence, refusing to pay for services rendered, bribing people into endorsement of a person or product, and reproducing copyrighted images without permission. You should know this, because you have done all of these things.

You are posing as a Republican because it is convenient to you. I am not sure which of your beliefs actually aligns with Republican ideals, because, even after a year and a half of campaigning, the only thing you have told us that you were going to do is take things away — our healthcare, our families, our right to choose, and our right to marry are just a few of the things that your campaign has promised to jeopardize. While I understand that you may have felt the urge to run for President because you wanted changes to be made, I do not

understand how the changes you want to make are actually going to help anyone besides you and people like you. Republicans are known to advocate for less of a governmental presence in America, so you might want to rethink all of the huge things you have planned.

It is more than likely that you will have the opportunity to promote justices to the Supreme Court. Did you know that? I predict that you are going to make a choice that I do not agree with. I can only offer you deep, heartfelt disapproval as far as our judicial system is concerned. When the time comes to oppose your appointment, I'll do it.

Something you can do now and for the next 1450 days until the 2020 election is get a grip. Stop saying that you "didn't say that." I want you to realize that you have put yourself in a position where you will always be watched. Everything you say in public is on record. You might feel like you have nothing to lose, but most people don't have that privilege. You have already blown your political career by making a mockery of our country.

I don't believe that you have the ability to make America great again, because I can't think of a time when it was actually great. Stop trying to prove me wrong. You're only making things worse.

## Get to know Brother Charles and his passion for teaching

BY AKILA CUDDALORE  
STAFF WRITER

A whiteboard hangs on the door with a quote by Stephen Leacock, which reads, "It may be those who do most, dream most." Before one can ponder what it means, Brother Charles' friendly, smiling face pops into view. His home matches his peaceful demeanor. It is a librarian's paradise with bookshelves against the walls, artistic curios, and a balcony with a view of the beautiful, green trees.

Brother Charles was born in Oakland and raised in Alameda as the youngest of three to Catholic parents. He grew up reading books about the lives of the Saints, going to Mass, and praying the rosary. Like his two brothers, he attended Saint Mary's College of California, majoring in history. Brother Charles said that it was during Jan Term of

his sophomore year that he decided to become a Brother because after meeting them, he thought they were kind. He saw that they regarded "religion as a great part of life" and he had always "wanted to teach."

He described his typical day for the past forty years as starting the morning with a section from scripture, praying with the rest of the 19 Brothers before breakfast, teaching history and Seminar, and reuniting with his friends at the end of the day for mass and dinner. Brother Charles explained that the reason he enjoys history is because it is "the story of us" and paying attention to the past can teach us not to repeat humanity's mistakes.

Brother Charles' other hobbies include listening to the classical pieces of Baroque, Bach, or Mozart, visiting his family, and watching sports. He also likes cooking because he believes "food brings people together."



BROTHER CHARLES has been on campus for decades. (Courtesy of College Communications)

Brother Charles explained the quote on his door by describing the French Canadian Jean Vanier, who worked with the mentally ill and whose "biggest handicap was having people [treat them differently]."

Students should take the time out of their busy lives to get to know him. Perhaps they'll find Brother

Charles in one of his three favorite spots on campus: standing next to the bus stop looking at the Chapel (a view he believes sums up Saint Mary's), De La Salle Quad which he deems "the heart of the campus," or in the Chapel, next to the Lady of Guadalupe, and strike up an enriching conversation with him.

## Crime Beat

10/29/16 10:06 p.m.  
Incident: Student Handbook Violation  
Synopsis: Town of Moraga warning notice for loud and unruly party off campus; referred to Community Life

11/4/16 2:00 p.m.  
Incident: Information  
Synopsis: Speeding and reckless driving in the Ageno West parking lot; referred to Community Life

11/5 10:15 a.m.  
Incident: Medical Incident  
Synopsis: Non-SMC affiliate injured knee at the tennis courts self-transported to care; referred to loss prevention

11/5/16 12:45 p.m.  
Incident: Theft  
Synopsis: Skateboard taken from Oliver Hall; referred to Community Life

11/5/16 5:31 p.m.  
Incident: Fire Alarm  
Synopsis: Food preparation; no smoke, fire, or scorching in Freitas Hall; referred to Facilities Services and Residential Experience

11/6 10:45 p.m.  
Incident: Sexual Assault  
Synopsis: SMC student reports assault by another SMC student in a residence hall; referred to Community Life

11/7/16 10:15 a.m.  
Incident: Information  
Synopsis: Staff member followed on and around campus while in vehicle; closed

11/7/16 8:15 p.m.  
Incident: Student Handbook Violation  
Synopsis: Underage alcohol possession and drug paraphernalia in Ageno C parking lot; referred to Community Life

11/9/16 1:07 p.m.  
Incident: Medical Incident  
Synopsis: Faculty member felt ill in Sichel Hall and was transported to Kaiser Walnut Creek; referred to Human Resources

11/9/16 2:45 p.m.  
Incident: Information  
Synopsis: Complaint of careless driving in Townhouse parking lot; referred to Facilities Services

11/10/16 9:30 a.m.  
Incident: Information  
Synopsis: Unwanted contact/communication on campus without threat; referred to Community Life

11/10/16 1:30 p.m.  
Incident: Information  
Synopsis: Roommate conflict in Assumption; referred to Campus Housing and Community Life



# NEWS

## Chinaka Hodge: Discusses how writing saved her life when she was at her lowest point

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bers. One of the students in the audience asked what advice Hodge had for any young aspiring artists. Hodge responded, “There’s gonna be a broke time. Save your money if you really want to pursue this. Tuck something away for the rainy day because the inevitable rainy day is coming. That’s the first thing. The second thing is: congratulations on your bravery. It takes a lot to strike out into a world where art means telling the truth and liars win presidencies.” The audience snapped their fingers in agreement.

Another student asked, “When did you find yourself first starting to write, and what sort of writing was it?” Hodge explained how her dad used to take an hour to make dinner, and he would tell her to write something during that time.



“DATED EMCEES” is available for purchase at the campus bookstore. (Christina Blessent/COLLEGIAN)

If she finished it early, she could go outside and play until dinner was ready. Initially, she wrote stories like the ones her mom read to her at bedtime, but soon decided that writing poetry was quicker. “When

I was six, I realized that if I wrote a poem, I would finish up faster,” Hodge said.

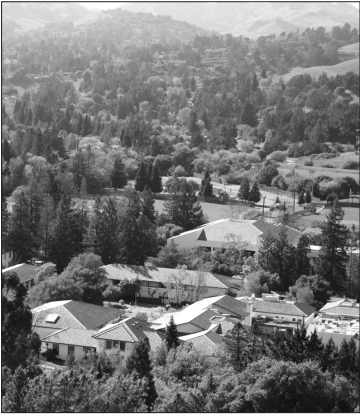
But there was more to Hodge’s story.

“I felt my lowest at 14. I met an

organization called Youth Speaks, and they met me with the pen in a moment when I could have picked up a knife or a gun, or a bottle of pills, so in very tangible, concrete terms, writing did save my life.”

Even with the struggles she has experienced, Hodge offers much hope to her listeners and readers—all of whom had the opportunity to meet her in the lobby for a book-signing.

Chinaka Hodge has appeared on national television several times, including CNN’s Newsroom, and has performed at an extensive variety of New York and Bay Area venues. In addition to “Dated Emcees,” Hodge published a play in 2014, titled, “Mirrors in Every Corner.” For those who did not make it out to the LeFevre on Thursday, copies of “Dated Emcees” are available in the campus bookstore.



## Campus Calendar

**INVEST: Two Spirits & Two Worlds: Exploring Native Queerness and Identities Tier 1**

Tuesday, November 15  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Delphine Hall (Intercultural Center)  
Contact Cesar Ramos  
x8545

**INVEST: Two Spirits & Two Worlds: Exploring Native Queerness and Identities Tier 2**

Thursday, November 17  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Delphine Hall (Intercultural Center)  
Contact Cesar Ramos  
x8545

**Kaleidoscope—Dance Performance**

Thursday, November 17  
8:00 p.m.  
LeFerve Theatre  
Contact Performing Arts Department  
925-631-4670

**Battle of the Bands**

Thursday, November 17  
8:00-10:00 p.m.  
Soda Center, Moraga Room  
Contact CAB Concerts  
cabconcerts@stmarys-ca.edu

**Saturday StrEATs @ SMC**

Saturday, November 19  
12:00-3:00 p.m.  
Contact Allison Williams  
925-631-4235

**November Lounge**

Saturday, November 19  
8:00-10:00 p.m.  
Delphine Hall (Intercultural Center)  
Contact Elizabeth Castro  
erc4@stmarys-ca.edu

## End the Silence calls for more transparency, action

*The following statement has been written by Ines Sosa, a leader in the End the Silence movement, in response to the solutions provided by the administration to the demands made last spring.*

On Sept. 30, 2016, Chief Diversity Officer Tomás Gomez-Arias released a response updating the Saint Mary’s community on what has been done to address the demands #EndTheSilence presented last spring. Soon after, a student forum was organized to analyze the responses and discuss their effectiveness, coming to the conclusion that they fail to address the demands and instead, construct a narrative of progress that doesn’t reflect the experience of students. This document outlines what administration fails to effectively do in their response.

Saint Mary’s, this is unacceptable and below average work. Your grade: D-. We need tangible dates, viable outlines, and clear plans. Hold yourselves accountable and recognize your limitations. We want true dialogue, and expect the college to really think through their responses. In the spirit of second chances, you get a do over. We expect a much clearer response on Nov. 30, at the second campus wide town hall discussion. #EndTheSilence

### Demand 1

Using the current services of the High Potential Program (HP) and the Intercultural Center (IC) as solutions for the demand has problematic implications. HP FYAC consists mostly of students of color and working-class backgrounds who understand power, privilege, and oppression due to their lived experiences. Though these conversations are still important for HP FYAC, the focus is to provide these conversations to FYACs that are not exposed to these topics in their classes. Although they are exemplary departments, the use of HP and the IC as “solutions” to the entire SMC culture is extremely tokenizing. The point of the walkout was to reconstruct the culture of SMC as a whole, and not leave it to the responsibility of a few. Students at the town hall are heavily involved with HP, the IC, and Peer Facilitation team and they explained their work doesn’t match the reality the response claims to be happening in the FYAC classes. Quite frankly, this

fabrication of our work is extremely insulting. The response also states there’s a “lack of capacity” to train enough faculty to teach the reworked FYAC courses, but it does not bother to explain what needs to be done—ultimately denying students the transparency End the Silence calls for. This response tells us this demand simply will not be acknowledged. Furthermore, this demand is very closely related to others. Reworking FYAC would create a culture that would train students to have dialogues across differences in Seminar. The response also mentioned “a complete reworking of FYAC...would require substantial and extensive training for a large number of faculty.” But why aren’t the FYAC faculty already trained? Many students have experienced bias incidents from their FYAC professors. Training among FYAC faculty is already needed regardless of the reconstruction of the FYAC curriculum. Overall, the response to this demand only presents a vague answer which could be misinterpreted to sound as if everything is solved. This response fails to communicate when and even if we can expect any change to happen.

### Demand 2

The response given to address the need to restructure the seminar capstone is seen as “fluff” and a “place holder.” The capstone changes are not being implemented across the board in all Seminar 104 classes and all classes aren’t doing midterm evaluations either. It is clear that in order to have a successful seminar capstone experience, there must be a restructuring of seminar as a whole; from the very first seminar, up until the last one, there needs to be a greater focus on incorporating all of the Core Principles. This way, there can be a greater representation of diverse texts and the classroom is a safe space where professors know how to navigate difficult conversations.

### Demand 3

There is a lack of transparency with regards to the financial packages students receive, how to maintain them, and where the money spent goes. The demand was not responded to—instead, we received coded language about why nothing can be done and were given “solutions” that resemble an effort to tell us how things run and why they can’t change. The response

mentioned a Board of Trustees meeting in October: what was discussed? What was decided? How was this demand addressed in this space? Similarly, what about the institutional budget and financial aid workshop supposedly planned for this semester? There has been no mention on campus about this event. Such a lacking response makes us believe we are not being taken seriously by a perceivably deceitful institution.

### Demand 4

The administrative response praises the efforts of SEAS and HP to help students have better access to financial aid information, but fails to acknowledge that not all students are aware of this being a resource to all and not only those who are part of programs, such as HP. Though the SALT Financial Literacy Program has been implemented, students report that it is not widely advertised and find it difficult to navigate. Gaelink and Gaelad sessions are not advertised, and students are still struggling to find job opportunities on campus, especially first-generation students with no prior experience and first-semester students who need jobs to help finance their education. There is zero response regarding job opportunities for undocumented students, or internships/fellowships as stated in the original demand.

### Demand 5

As far as the Student Body is aware, the three-hour workshop for the Financial Aid office has not happened, despite the official response stating that it would occur in October. End the Silence requests that our representatives be made aware of the content of this workshop and be invited to its presentation. Students continue to feel financially illiterate and do not have resources to help them overcome this issue. There is a universal negative experience when recounting personal encounters in the Financial Aid office, from both students and their families. Students are asking for Financial Aid staff that can relate to both students and their parents in a dignifying and uplifting way. Students are asking for Financial Aid counselors that will take a holistic examination of their financial aid situation rather than pushing loans as the solution. Finally, as it is unlikely that all these topics can be covered with appropriate depth

in three hours; multiple workshops may be more appropriate than just one.

### Demand 6

Although the response presents statistics on increased underrepresented faculty of color, such increased representation needs to extend into other departments such as Science and Business. Diversity training for faculty may be required for those that are tenure-track, but failing to do so does not have any concrete consequences that hold faculty accountable. As a result, faculty are not always fully equipped with the tools and skills to facilitate class discussion and classroom dynamics, which put student’s safety and learning at risk. Student and mid-term evaluations need to be held with more weight in order to maintain that accountability. This can mean that if a group of students do not feel that a professor facilitates discussions adequately, they would have to attend a workshop to brush up on their facilitation skills, or something of that sort. Lastly, the hiring of the second Ethnic Studies professor should not be “contingent on sufficient student enrollment.” The Ethnic Studies Department should be able to be sustained for all current and future students regardless of numbers, including those who are interested in the classes but are not a major/minor.

### Demand 7

The Saint Mary’s community thrives on its core principles and they are needed to ensure the existence and success of a diverse community. But its application rests in the hands of staff and faculty, in the classroom, and around campus. It is vital to hold them accountable to attending diversity trainings and workshops, as there is no other way to ensure they are all trained. Since it seems almost impossible to require tenure professors to attend, this might be a clear indicator of the need to modify the faculty handbook in order to reflect the needs of students. It is incredulous that the inability to enforce a training that aligns with the core principles is hindered by a handbook that is seen as a stopping point.

*The length of this article was edited. The entire End the Silence statement can be found on the official Collegian website, stmaryscollegian.com*

The Campus Calendar column is a service highlighting major events of the week. To include your event, email details to staff@stmaryscollegian.com. Due to space limitations, we cannot list individual club meetings.



# CULTURE

## Get your grub on: Five alternative Thanksgiving menus

Shake up your traditional routine with these creative twists on the most loved classics

BY CAMILLA MARAIS  
CULTURE EDITOR

There are several things in life that we can always count on: the fact that the sky is blue, Chipotle is good, and, yes, that your mom is always right about that person you’re dating. In that same vein, we can count on our Thanksgiving traditions as truth: Dad roasts the turkey, Grandma makes her classic pumpkin pie, Mom bakes homemade cornbread, great-aunt Cheryl drinks

too much sangria, and you and your siblings (roughly) set the table and avoid getting roped into any extra chores. Even the structure of your Thanksgiving plate is regulated—a couple slices of turkey, spoonful of mashed potatoes, two servings of stuffing, a dollop of cranberry sauce, and a dinner roll on top of your plate like the star on a Christmas tree. The cooking starts at the crack of dawn, everyone’s eating by two, and back home by 7:30. This is Thanksgiving.

There’s some comfort in this consistency. Despite the frantic whirlwind that was our midterm experiences, we find peace in the fact that, despite our horrific seminar essay or biology midterm, we know that at two on Nov. 26, we will be on track to our favorite food coma since childhood. We’ve set and defined our Thanksgivings by this routine. But did any of us ever stop and think about when we decided these things “made” Thanksgiving? Surely Grandma didn’t

always make pumpkin pie with a lattice crust, and sangria was definitely not a part of the first Thanksgiving menu. The wonderful thing about traditions, and mankind in general, is how we adopt things we love into these celebrations. That’s the beauty of the holidays —we can make them whatever we want them to be. Understand this is coming from someone who honors tradition religiously (I’ve spent every hour of every Thanksgiving the same way for as long as I can

remember, within reason). The comfort in routine is immense. However, whether we want to spice things up, or our regular holiday house isn’t an option anymore, there’s exciting beauty in change and adoption. When these changes occur or not, there’s no need to panic—it is still Thanksgiving. No matter what you’re craving or the changes you’re facing, here’s a handful of menus and recipes with their respective authors for inspiration:



- 1. Traditional Twist**
- Citrus and herb roasted turkey (Spoon Fork Bacon)
  - Poblano corn bread stuffing (Love and Lemons)
  - Tuscan Sweet Potato Fries (Family Style Food)
  - Caramelized Brussel Sprouts with Blue Cheese, Bacon, and Caramel Apple Vinaigrette (Half Baked Harvest)
  - Pumpkin pie cinnamon rolls (Diethood)

With added herbs, spices, and flairs of flavor, you can have your classic menu, but shake it up a little bit. Finish with the traditional flavor of pumpkin in a cinnamon roll to please any crowd.



- 2. Exotic**
- Braised French Duck (Easy French Food)
  - Broccolini and Feta Galette (Martha Stewart)
  - Spicy Chorizo Pistachio Pear Stuffing (Presley’s Pantry)
  - Brussel Sprouts with White Beans and Pecorino (Not Without Salt)
  - Coconut Cake with Saffron Cream (Delish)

Utilizing cultural flavors from France, Italy, and Spain, your table will be anything but boring and everything that’s delicious; prepare a culinary adventure for your guests without leaving the kitchen.



- 3. Vegan**
- Stuffed Peppers with Thai Curry Rice and Mushrooms (Food and Wine)
  - Crispy Smashed Potatoes with Avocado Garlic Aioli (Oh She Glows)
  - Artichokes with Scallion Vinaigrette (Food and Wine)
  - Squash Rounds with Cider Shallot Rounds (Eating Well)
  - Baked Apples Stuffed with Cinnamon Date Pecan Oatmeal (Oh She Glows)

This menu doesn’t need animal products to be rich in substance and flavor—from avocado garlic aioli, Thai curry rice, and cinnamon date pecan oats, these recipes will please vegans and carnivores alike.



- 4. Small Crowd**
- Cornish Game Hens with Artichokes and Potatoes (Better Homes and Gardens)
  - Corn Pudding (Food and Wine)
  - Mixed Grains with Green Beans and Crispy Bacon (Food and Wine)
  - Shaved Brussels Sprouts Salad with Apples, Hazelnuts & Brown Butter Dressing (Splendid Table)
  - Ginger Creme Brulee (Better Homes and Gardens)

Simple, scrumptious, and no-stress prep are the blessings of catering for a small crowd, plus individual hens and desserts ensure perfect portions for each guest while sparing you unnecessary hours in the kitchen.



- 5. College-Budget-Friendly**
- Bay and lemon brined turkey (Dave Lieberman)
  - Sourdough bread stuffing (Dave Lieberman)
  - Baked mashed potatoes (Sandra Lee)
  - Orange-scented green beans (Rachel Ray)
  - Pumpkin cream pie (Sandra Lee)

You don’t need a king’s budget to eat like one—less costly ingredients like sourdough and whipped cream replace more expensive ones in pie and stuffing to deliver amazing flavor at a fraction of the original cost.

## Gilmore Girls’ Netflix reboot brings promise of closure

Netflix revives the favorite sitcom and hopes to bring a satisfactory end to the beloved series

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When “Gilmore Girls” abruptly ended in 2007, many fans were left reeling with questions that left them dissatisfied and forever begging the show creator, Amy Sherman-Palladino, to revive the series. Sherman-Palladino repeatedly said that given the right time and context, she would revisit Stars Hollow, Connecticut, but that such a return was unlikely in the foreseeable future. Apparently, the right time seems to be now, as Netflix released new episodes of “Gilmore Girls” today, allowing it to return as a mini-series. Once the news was released, long-time fans of the show nearly broke the Internet in response, summarizing the most memorable moments from the show’s seven seasons, detailing what answers needed to be addressed in the new revamp, and thoughtfully acknowledging that one character that would not be returning—the adored Richard Gilmore, played by Edward Hermann, who passed away in 2014.



GILMORE GIRLS’ beloved cast poses at their 2015 reunion, fans ecstatic to see their favorite characters reunited. (Courtesy of Huffington Post)

Currently, the revamp is said to include four 90 minute episodes written by Sherman-Palladino, who departed from the show before its seventh and final season, following intense negotiations with Warner Bros. Since the original writer left before the final season, many fans felt the final season was not a genuine conclusion to the beloved series, and the news of a revamp has

elicited a positive and hopeful response from fans. Though initially quiet, cast members eventually expressed their own excitement in the chance to reprise their roles. Milo Ventimiglia, who played bad-boy Jess Mariano, and love interest to Rory Gilmore said, “I’ve always been pretty vocal about Gilmore and I know everybody’s been waiting, and I was

like, ‘That will never happen,’ and it’s totally happening.” The key members of the show, Lauren Graham, Alexis Bledel, Kelly Bishop, and Scott Patterson are interested in returning and are currently working out the details. Many fans, though excited for the return, are still wondering what exactly the new installments will entail. Fans are hopeful to see a Lorelei and

Luke reunion, and want to see Rory as a successful journalist. Some fans worry that a potential reboot will not be the “Gilmore Girls” we know and love. New York Times journalist James Poniewozik argues that the new show “will be a different thing, no matter how much of the original talent returns, because here’s one thing [a] reboot can’t restore: lost time.” Since the show’s 2007 ending, we were unable to see the things we wanted to see the characters do, we will likely pick up with them much later than where we left off, and they will likely be different than we remember. The show will be similar to visiting a friend we have not seen or spoken to in years, and is unlikely to disappoint. Fans want closure, something they were cheated of with the show’s final season. If there is one thing we do know, it is that Sherman-Palladino will revive the witty, genuine, and loving nature of the show. So, what we can look forward to is revisiting Stars Hollow, and seeing where our favorite characters are now.



# CULTURE

## Joey Bada\$\$ brings an east coast sound to the City Schoolboy Q’s Blank Face Tour hits the Bay Area with east coast and west coast fusion



JOEY BADA\$\$ performing at the Warfield theatre in San Francisco. Eliana Batrez/ COLLEGIAN

BY ELIANA BATREZ  
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When I try to find the right words to describe Joey Bada\$\$’s Oct. 14 performance at the Warfield in San Francisco, I can’t. Great music plus an amazing vibe pulsating throughout the crowd equals the recipe for a truly Bada\$\$ night.

As the crowd waited for Joey Bada\$\$’s performance, the excitement was palpable. A soft murmur ran through the crowd until Joey Bada\$\$ stepped on stage.

For his set, Joey Bada\$\$ led off with smash single “Paper Trails” accompanied by “Greenbax (Intro).” He also performed material from his wildly popular B4.DA.\$\$ album, namely hits “Christ Conscious,” “Big Dusty,” and “95 Till Infinity.” Joey Bada\$\$ also took his performance of “No. 99” as a chance to interact with the crowd by asking them “What’s my name? What’s my name?” to which the crowd would reply “Badmon! Badmon!”

On a personal level, hearing songs that I’ve been listening to for the past two years was amazing. In terms of concerts, this one is high on my best hits

list. Unlike many artists, Joey Bada\$\$ let his music do the talking for him, and didn’t feel the need to chat with the audience for the majority of his set. When he did speak, it served to supplement the music and add a little context for audience members.

Joey Bada\$\$’s crowd engagement also spoke to his personality. Throughout his performance, he asked audience members to make the moshpit as big and energetic as possible, noting, “The more energy you give to me the more you shall receive.” The crowd had no problem delivering.

Aside from being able to see and experience the music of one of the music game’s breaths of fresh air, it was also nice to see such an intelligent individual in person. For Joey Bada\$\$, incorporating words like “dwell” and “lightyears” into popular singles appears almost second nature. For some artists, using words like these would impair the music’s message—for Joey Bada\$\$, a heightened vocabulary only heightens the quality and flow of his lyrics. He’s the type of artist who, mid-rap, leaves observers wondering if they’ve heard him correctly.

For any Joey Bada\$\$ fan,

this review might be missing something: mention of his 2016 single “Devastated.” When he performed it as his last song, the crowd went wild. The mosh pit collectively went forward, people started yelling the lyrics as if it were their anthem, and it inevitably ended up on the Snapchat of every one of his fans there (myself included). As a song so new and popular, I was pleased that Joey Bada\$\$ left it for the end—leaving the crowd devastated that his performance was over in the best way possible.

The concert was part of Schoolboy Q’s Blank Face Tour, representing the fusion and co-operation of Schoolboy Q’s west coast sound paired with Joey Bada\$\$’s east coast sound. During both sets, the artists took the time to shout out their labels/music collectives: Schoolboy Q’s Top Dawg Entertainment and Joey Bada\$\$’s Pro Era merchandise.

This concert was enjoyable in its entirety. The only thing that would have made it perfect, would have been if Joey Bada\$\$ had performed his single “Ready,” released in February of this year. I can’t complain though, it was a truly badass way to spend a Friday night.

## Male contraception Who is responsible for prevention?

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Many argue that it is easier to unload the gun rather than having to wear bulletproof vests. But how many gun holders are willing to actually unload their guns? and at what price? Ladies and gents, welcome to birth control.

Beginning in 2008, scientists began developing injections as a form of male birth control. While many men enrolled at first, when the time came to re-subscribe to treatment in 2011, a great portion of the participants opted out due to severe side effects. The failure to re-sign up caused a shutdown of the entire study.

How bad could those side effects really have been? According to the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, a great number of the participants experienced an increase in libido, emotional side effects,

muscle pain, depression and mood disorders. Following the studies, men experienced a decrease in sperm count and some even became permanently sterile in extreme cases. Seems like pretty serious stuff, but, women already experience a myriad of side effects when it comes to birth control. Weight gain, mood shifts, depression—you name it. No birth control is 100 percent effective either, which means that women are subject to potentially experiencing the painful effects that come from pregnancy.

The real question here seems to be about whose responsibility it should be to take on birth control. Though there is no straightforward answer, it is great to see how men are starting to step up and make efforts in order to share the responsibility; because it is ultimately a shared decision that can create a vast degree of shared consequences.



BIRTH CONTROL advances halted due to fear of side effects. (Courtesy of Collective Evolution)

## San Francisco After Dark Tour The dark and unexplained history of the city by the bay



SAN FRANCISCO GHOSTS and other supernatural phenomena have been reported since the birth of the city itself. (Courtesy of Zozi)

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When you are in charge of planning a night out, a quick Google search can make for a memorable (if not spine tingling) evening for everyone involved. A couple days before Halloween, I came across a site selling cheap tickets for a San Francisco After Dark Tour. The description painted a night of murder, assassinations, and other bloody topics of the city’s history.

When the night of the said tour came along, my friends and I were anxious to know what we would encounter. Once we made our way over to the meeting spot, my anticipation climbed higher as images of our tour guide passed through my mind.

Perhaps it would be a lecherous figure that emerges from the mist, with a lantern in his clasp and a

cane in the other, with a scowling face, and dark eyes hidden beneath a top hat. Suddenly these images dissipated as I noticed a small figure approaching us. Rather than a being a figure straight out of Bram Stoker’s imagination, our tour guide was a 5’2 theatre student with lime green hair and a bright demeanor. As she took roll and readied us for the tour, she asked us to simply refer to her as Sister Zillow.

Our first destination of the night was at the fabulous Westin St. Francis, where we heard tales of 1920’s icons who had checked into the hotel, but never managed to check out. Due to so many reports of the supernatural, the hotel has hired a special task force to deal with the center of activity: Room 1221.

As the tour moved on through other points of interest near Union Square, we paused cautiously at the corner of Mason and Geary Street,

where the infamous Zodiac killer continued his bloody path through the Bay Area. Those familiar with the crimes of the Zodiac will recall the tale of a taxi driver whom unknowingly picked up the killer, only to be murdered a block away by his mysterious passenger.

We experienced a night of suspense and horrifying history which I could recall in great detail—from heart broken Dames shooting their estranged lovers in the street, to an incident in which a deceased man’s face appeared trapped in the glass of the hotel where had lived, to mysterious whimpers heard in certain hotel room. I suggest that you take a tour for yourself. Although it is just a peek into the history of San Francisco, I guarantee the experience will stay with you for years to come. So, I invite you to ready yourself and open your mind for the ghastly tales to come.



# OPINION

## Election exposes the many contradictions in America

BY RAMYA RAMAMOORTHY  
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I was born in the United States and when I was eight years old, I moved to India. I came back to the United States when I was 14 years old. Although I had lived in America for quite some time before this, I still had some worries on my mind.

I was worried that people would dislike me for coming from a foreign country, that they would make fun of my accent, and that they would use an English word that I didn't know the meaning of. I met my entire class at a pre-dance before the school year started. To my surprise, when a student leader announced to my class that I was from India, all of my classmates welcomed me with open arms. I had never felt more accepted before in my life and I was so happy that I had chosen to come back to America.

As the years progressed, I learned about topics I hadn't heard of before—racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, and more. America made me more aware of these issues and taught me to be a better person. It was not only the fact that these issues existed in America; they existed in India, too. However, in India, many people with whom I surrounded myself did not advocate



DONALD TRUMP AND PRESIDENT OBAMA met to discuss policy and prepare for the transition between presidencies. (Courtesy of ABC 30)

against these issues. In America, people were actually taking actions to combat these problems and that inspired me. I became so passionate about these issues that I decided to work at the Intercultural Center here on campus.

America was the perfect world to me. Although there were so many issues within the country, I thought the number of people committing these acts were a very small percentage compared to the people

who were fighting for social justice.

As the election season started, I noticed Donald Trump was running for President. I thought he would not have any chance of winning. As his election campaign progressed, I saw that so many people were supporting him, even people that I knew. When I found out about this, I felt a mixture of emotions, confusion being the most prominent. Fast forward one year and that is the same emotion I feel today—

confusion.

I don't understand how the same country that taught me to fight against racism, sexism, homophobia, and Islamophobia is the same country that has elected a president who embodies these social injustices. I do not think that Donald Trump is capable of being President. There are many people who live in America, not just white men. If he cannot respect minorities, how will he serve to protect their

rights? A president should serve all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexuality, religion, ability, and socioeconomic status. Although we may be divided into Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, it is the President's duty to serve our entire nation despite our differences.

Although the point mentioned above is just one of many reasons I do not think Donald Trump should be President, I want to acknowledge that I respect everyone's views. Although our views may differ, our political stance is just one part of our identity. Despite all of the negativity that's been expressed since electoral result, I want to thank each person who voted on Election Day. It was overwhelming to see how many people were passionate about this election.

My Facebook news feed on Tuesday morning was filled with nothing but statuses about people voting in the U.S. Election. Although the election may have led to pride for some and devastation for others, it is important to note that we all tried our best to elect the president we wanted. The only thing we can do now is to hope that America does better in the future through acceptance of all people; just like America did for me when I came here.

## Trump ignores facts—resorts to empty words and will power

BY DEAN BOERNER  
SPORTS EDITOR

This is what Donald Trump wanted, isn't it?

After nearly two years of ruthless, outspoken campaigning and decades of flirting with the idea of running for president, Trump now has the privileged opportunity of gracing the United States with his ingenuity and fulfilling all of his enticing campaign promises. Trump will take office with majorities in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, an open Supreme Court position, and four whole years to restore the U.S. to its former status of being "great." In other words, nothing stands in Trump's way. After ages of endless, bombastic talk, Trump finally gets to act.

Americans (especially Trump's supporters, apparently) are tired of feckless, self-interested politicians who campaign promising the world but end up giving nothing. Those politicians represent the establishment. And if we know one thing, it's that Trump is not the establishment. He has the workingman's interest in mind.

Americans will also benefit from the leadership and action of Republican politicians like Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. The intransigent, obstructionist, anti-government Republicans of the last eight years will now finally have their chance to govern.

They ostensibly have something better than the Affordable Care Act—current president Barack Obama's healthcare policy that cut the uninsured rate of Americans down from 16 percent to 8.6 percent—they must. They've been incessantly screaming for the law's repeal for nearly a decade.

For his part, Trump gave the

voters a fairly good idea of what "Trumpcare" would look like, and it's nothing short of miraculous. By repealing Obamacare, Trump will virtually return American healthcare to its pre-Obamacare form. Back to when 48 million Americans, or 16 percent of the population, lacked health insurance, compared to just 27 million (8.6 percent) now. That seems bad, but here's what will make Trump a great president: he says he'll cover "everybody." He will repeal Obamacare and leave an additional 21 million Americans uninsured—but then literal, universal healthcare will materialize out of a free-market, almost identical to the one we already had. This suspiciously simple cure-all solution apparently available throughout Obama's two terms has to make you wonder: was Obama the founder of ISIS? This is likely, because Trump said so.

The inevitable restoration of America doesn't stop with Trump's

healthcare solution. He's also made thrilling promises and statements of policy regarding trade, taxes, and the Chinese hoax some may know as climate change.

Regarding trade, Trump has said on the record that he will be "the greatest 'jobs' president God ever created." Now, because Trump said this, we obviously know it will be true. After all, this isn't some politician making exorbitant promises tinged with weird attempts to pander to a religious base. This is Donald J. Trump. He is the opposite of that. He said so. Through high tariffs on foreign goods, he plans on bringing manufacturing jobs lost to China and other low-wage countries back to the United States. A feat almost universally regarded by academic economists as implausible at best, due to comparatively high wages in the states and increased factory automation. Many economists also say this would likely lead to a trade

war, an increased cost of living for the U.S. and all countries involved, and possibly a global financial crisis.

But, as we all know, academics often work at colleges, which are hotbeds for liberal bias and the general establishment. Therefore, Trump's plan is possible, and because he has promised it, it will happen which is exciting and impressive.

Lastly, Trump claims that climate change is nonexistent, and he will presumably do nothing to alleviate its nonexistent effects on earth. If climate change really is a myth—and it is, because Trump's research has led him to believe this—then it's a good thing Trump will be the president of the second-largest carbon-dioxide emitting nation. Otherwise, we would be following through with Obama and Hillary's plan to cooperate with the Paris Agreement. A 193-nation, ill-conceived attempt to limit global warming to a 1.5 °C rise and stem the nonexistent impend-

ing runaway greenhouse effect and transformation of our planet into an inhospitable wasteland. Luckily for us, Trump says the great majority of climate scientists are wrong on this issue and we have nothing to worry about.

On the other hand, maybe Trump isn't the omniscient cure-all he portrays himself to be. Maybe, just maybe, he's more like the 20th century demagogues we read about from the safety of our seventh grade history books. Perhaps Clinton's questionable transgressions and private persona—now fully publicized thanks to Wikileaks—would have been preferable to a chauvinistic oaf promising everything Americans desire while fully knowing those promises are undeliverable. Good thing Trump says he's different. You can believe him about that, because he's not a politician and therefore wouldn't promise anything just to get elected.

## Letter to the Editor

BY JOHN JAMISON

Strong emotions poured out from every corner of SMC on November 9, the day we all learned that Donald J. Trump became the president-elect of the United States of America. The election, for those that followed it, appeared to be the biggest game of "he said, she said" in history. Our country has gone through one of the most dramatic and emotionally charged elections

it has ever seen, with many people feeling divided even amongst normal political lines.

On campus, many watched as students formed a community circle just outside the library, with several students airing their personal anecdotes and grievances about the president-elect. Emotions ran high as people got up to speak, many of them leaving the microphone with tears in their eyes. A few of them decried Trump supporters, accus-

ing them of bigotry for daring to pick a political candidate different than their own.

This sort of vitriol is exactly the type of language that so many have attacked Trump on due to his bombastic style of speaking throughout this campaign. There will always be differing perspectives on what is the "common good." The purpose of a democracy is to try and convince one another of a "common good" through rational and sober discussion. If we always frame those who disagree with us as the ultimate evil (either the bigoted or tyrannical kind), it becomes impossible to have

a dialogue around issues of values and policy. To insinuate that the choice between the candidates was absolutely apparent and irrefutable is naïve at best and intellectually dishonest at worst.

I know for many of you Trump was far from your first choice, I know he was not mine. However, we must remember to have a nuanced discussion about political issues, because if we exhaust civil, open debate the only other tools left to us are those of force and violence. We need one another to make this thing called society work; so please, don't give up on it.

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# SPORTS

## Gaels relinquish late lead to Gonzaga, defeat Portland



**TURNOVERS** made the difference for the Gaels in their narrow loss to Gonzaga last Saturday at McKeon Pavilion. (Courtesy of SMC Gaels)

BY DEAN BOERNER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Saint Mary's women's basketball team squandered a hot-shooting performance against Gonzaga, as the Bulldogs outscored the Gaels 18-8 in the fourth quarter to come away with a 79-75 win Saturday night at McKeon Pavilion.

With a shade over seven minutes to play in the fourth, Devon Brookshire knocked down a three-pointer to give the Gaels 70-63 lead. But the Gaels (8-9, 3-3 WCC) wouldn't hit a field goal for another five minutes, and Gonzaga (13-4, 4-2 WCC) would embark on a 16-5 run that included seven steals (on eight Gael turnovers) and a streak of ten unanswered points to take a 73-70 lead.

Gonzaga's Jill Barta had a career night against Saint Mary's. The 6'3 forward notched a career-best 33 points on 11-19 shooting and a perfect 10-10 from the free-throw line while tallying seven steals against a turnover-plagued Gaels offense.

Shooting-wise, Saint Mary's had one of their best performances of the season. The Gaels

shot a season-best 10-20 from the three-point line and 11-11 from the free-throw line. In the first half, Stella Beck led the way for Saint Mary's with 18 points on 6-8 shooting.

Four other players for Saint Mary's scored in double figures as well, including Carly Turner (16 points) and Megan McKay (16 points and eight rebounds). In addition, the rebounding prowess of Saint Mary's was on

Gonzaga	79
Saint Mary's	75

full display Saturday night, as the WCC-leaders in that category outrebounded the Bulldogs 37-33.

However, turnovers proved to be Saint Mary's downfall. The Gaels totaled 23 on the night, including eight crucial ones in the final seven minutes of the game. This led to 26-15 Bulldogs advantage in terms of points off turnovers, and a total of 18 steals for Gonzaga.

Following Saturday night,

Saint Mary's has fallen into a three-way tie for fifth place in the WCC, while Gonzaga has moved into a four-way tie for first in the crowded WCC standings. The two teams will meet again on Feb. 11, this time in Spokane.

Despite the tough loss on Saturday, last week was not all bad for the Gaels, who had a show-down with Portland at home Thursday night and came away with a 92-76 win over the Pilots.

The Gaels shot 53 percent from the field to end up with their highest point total this season. While shooting so well Thursday night, the Gaels also held the Pilots to 38 percent shooting.

After leading 46-36 at the half, the Gaels used an impressive 34-point third quarter to fully separate themselves from Portland. Within that third quarter, the Gaels went on a 21-8 run to help ensure the victory.

For the game, Saint Mary's outrebounded the Pilots 42-37 and finished with a solid 23 assists on the night. Both Stella Beck and Carly Turner led the way in points for the Gaels with 19 points apiece, with

Beck adding eight rebounds for good measure. In addition, Devon Brookshire and Jasmine Forcadilla had impressive off-the-bench performances. Brookshire put up 12 points with four rebounds, while Forcadilla added eight points and seven assists.

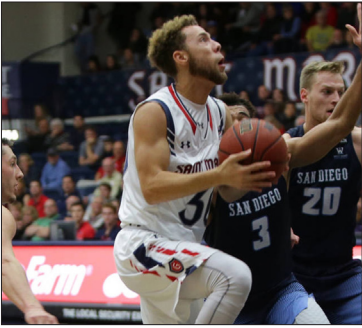
Portland	76
Saint Mary's	92

For Portland, Holly Blades had a productive night, scoring 20 points thanks mostly to six three-pointers. Hannah Mattson added 11 points for the Pilots, who have now fallen to 1-5 in conference play at week's end.

The Gaels will see Portland again on Feb. 9. Before then, Saint Mary's will hit the road for two games this week, as they will travel to Stockton to play the University of Pacific (8-11, 2-4 WCC) on Thursday before then heading down south to play the Waves of Pepperdine (5-13, 1-5 WCC) in Malibu on Saturday.

## Sports this week

### MEN'S BASKETBALL



**Thurs. vs Pacific, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sat. vs Pepperdine, 8:00 p.m.**

After falling in a tough loss to Gonzaga last Saturday, the Gaels (15-2, 5-1 WCC) look to bounce back from their first conference loss with strong showings on at home against Pacific and Pepperdine this week.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



**Thurs. @ Pacific, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sat @ Pepperdine, 1:00 p.m.**

The Gaels (8-9, 3-3 WCC) will look to get back on track this week with a pair of road games against WCC foes Pacific and Pepperdine. Saint Mary's comes off a narrow 79-75 loss to rival Gonzaga in which they committed 23 turnovers.

### MEN'S TENNIS



**Mon. vs. American River JC, 9:00a.m., vs. Sonoma State, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Sat. vs. UC Santa Cruz, 9:00 a.m., vs. Holy Names, 2:00 p.m.**  
Saint Mary's kicks off the Spring season this week after last seeing action in the Saint Mary's College Invitational last October. The Gaels will be visited by four opponents, playing twice on Monday and twice on Saturday.

coach. From the perspective of a 49er fan, I would like to see the 49ers select a head coach and a general manager that either already have worked together or have personalities that will mesh extremely well. The 49ers need to select someone that will be able to bring back the glory days. As a franchise with so much rich history and five Super Bowl Championships, 49er fans like myself would love to see these glory days return.

## 49ers wisely taking time in GM, head coach decisions

BY KIMBERLY PASCHAL  
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The San Francisco 49ers have experienced their worst season in franchise history after finishing the 2016-2017 NFL season 2-14 with their only two wins coming against the Los Angeles Rams. For 49er fans, it is hard to believe that from 2011-2013 they went to three consecutive NFC Championships and were in the Super Bowl in 2013. It seems like after Jim Harbaugh left his head coaching position to return to his alma mater University of Michigan, the 49ers have been in a tough position, especially when it comes to their front office. After Jim Tomsula was fired, the 49ers thought Chip Kelly could be the one to bring the 49ers back to their glory days, or at least stop the bleeding. Unfortunately, Kelly seemed to make the bleeding worse.

After an extremely disap-

pointing season, Jed York announced the decision to fire head coach Chip Kelly and general manager Trent Baalke after the end of the season. Other teams like the Buffalo Bills, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Chargers, and Los Angeles Rams seemed to follow suit. Unlike the 49ers, these other teams have already filled their head coach position. The 49ers are being extremely cautious in their decision to hire a head coach and general manager because these individuals will help rebuild the organization. When the 49ers announced their decision to fire Baalke, information leaked that Kelly wanted to draft Dak Prescott, but Baalke refused. This revealed a potentially significant reason for Baalke's firing. As many football fans know, Dak Prescott is having an amazing season, especially for a rookie, with a completion percentage of 67.8, 3,667 passing yards, and

23 passing touchdowns. Because they clearly missed out on an amazing rookie talent, the 49ers may have reached the last straw with Baalke.

The 49ers will need to pick a general manager that is a good scout for talent, knows how to release players that are not performing quickly, and can help the 49ers rebuild. When it comes to a head coach, the 49ers will need someone that has a successful resume as well as experience. Despite the necessary skills to hold the head coach or general manager position, the most important aspect the 49ers are looking for is how well each personality will mesh. In order for the 49ers to rebuild, it is imperative that they select a head coach and general manager who can work well as a cohesive unit.

The candidates the 49ers are looking for head coach are Tom Cable (offensive coordinator for the Seattle Seahawks), Josh McDaniels (offensive coordinator

for the New England Patriots), and Kyle Shanahan (offensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons). In regards to the general manager position, there are about seven candidates: Eliot Wolf (Packers Director of Football Operations), Brian Gutekunst (Packers Director of Player Personnel), George Paton (Vikings Assistant General Manager), Jimmy Raye III (Colts Vice President of Football Operations), Brandon Beane (Panthers Assistant General Manager), Louis Riddick (ESPN front office Insider), and Terry McDonough (Cardinals Vice President of Player Personnel).

The 49ers still have more interviews in the coming week, which is a testament to how they are assessing each candidate closely. The 49ers will most likely hire their general manager first in order to allow the new general manager to have a say in who will be the head



# SPORTS

## Gaels hammer Pilots but fall to Gonzaga on the road



JOCK LANDALE scored eight points and snagged six rebounds before fouling out with three minutes to play in the Gaels' 79-56 loss to the Bulldogs on Saturday night. (Courtesy of SMC Gaels)

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While there will be no reciprocation of last year's regular season sweep over Gonzaga, No. 21 Saint Mary's made Thursday night one to forget for first-year Portland head coach Terry Porter.

The Gaels (15-2, 5-1 WCC) made the Pilots go as cold as the city's 23-degree weather Thursday night on their way to a commanding 74-33 win but struggled two nights later with a 79-56 loss to Gonzaga. The Bulldogs remain the nation's only unbeaten team.

Calvin Hermanson shot the lights out in his homecoming, scoring a game-high and tying

a season-high with 27 points in front of 1,745 at the Chiles Center. The Lake Oswego native finished on an efficient 10-of-16 shooting with five three-pointers and the team's two free throws.

"[Calvin] played at a really

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high level tonight," Gaels' head coach Randy Bennett said of his starting forward. "He didn't play much last game because of foul trouble so I think he didn't want that to be a case again and

he played well. It's fun to watch him play like that." Saint Mary's dominated Portland (9-8, 2-3 WCC) on the glass, outrebounding the Pilots by a whopping 50-16 margin thanks considerably to the 10 rebounds apiece from Jock Landale and Dane Pineau. Landale, who was held to single digit scoring for the first time all season, finished two points and four rebounds shy of his seventh double-double of the year.

The Pilots managed all of nine points in the first half on a dismal 19 percent shooting while the Gaels shot nearly 47 percent with seven threes. Portland ended up shooting 25 percent for the contest.

Jazz Johnson paced Portland with 13 points but was the lone

bright spot for the Pilots on a frigid night in the Rose City. Alex Wintering, the conference's second-highest scorer at 19.9 points per game, was held to just four points in only the 11th time he's been held under five points in a game as a Pilot.

If the Thursday win over Portland was like walking over an anthill, Saint Mary's had to climb Mount Everest on Saturday.

The Gaels swallowed their own medicine a couple nights later, suffering their third-worst shooting night of the season while allowing No. 5 Gonzaga (17-0, 5-0 WCC) to shoot 62.5 percent in the second half to pull away with a dominant 79-56 Bulldogs win

"I think we were bad defensively in the second-half," Bennett said. "[In the] last ten minutes of the game, we weren't good offensively. [We] took bad shots. We didn't finish well."

Hermanson, one of three Gaels in double figures against the fifth-ranked team in the

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country, led the Saint Mary's charge with 12 points. Pineau led the bench with 10 and Landale scored 10 as well, but the Gaels' leading scorer fouled out for the third time in his Saint Mary's career with 3:27 remaining in the game as Gonzaga held a 69-52 lead.

Nigel Williams-Goss led the Bulldogs with 19 points, padding

"I think we were bad defensively in the second half."

his campaign for the Bob Cousy Award given annually to the nation's top point guard. Gonzaga won the total rebounding and bench point battles by one point apiece despite Saint Mary's owning the 11-3 advantage on the offensive glass, but the Bulldogs handily won the battle in points off turnovers 18-7.

Saint Mary's' deficit shrunk to as few as four points in the second half, but the flood gates eventually opened as Gonzaga built on their halftime lead and closed the game on a 21-4 run to become top dog in the West Coast Conference.

## Saint Mary's has ups and downs at Cal Winter Invitational

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The Saint Mary's women's tennis team had a full slate of action Friday through Sunday at the Cal Winter Invitational. For Saint Mary's, whose last bit of competition came over two months ago in early November, there were promising bright spots in an altogether successful weekend in Berkeley.

On the first day at the Cal Winter Invite, the Gaels flourished in doubles play but ended up struggling in their singles matchups against a formidable Fresno State lineup. Fresno State freshmen Katerina Stloukalova and Julianie Triebe dominated for the Bulldogs, winning in straight sets for Fresno State to give them two early wins.

In the No. 1 matchup, Stloukalova, who is from the Czech Republic, defeated Jana McCord 7-6(6), 6-2. In the No. 4 match, where Triebe was slotted, she defeated Saint Mary's junior Emma Critser 6-3, 6-2.

Although they did not win in straight sets, the four remaining Fresno State players followed suit by winning each of their singles matches in impressive fashion.

On Friday, the Gaels found much more success in their dou-

bles matchups, as they pulled away with wins in each of their three doubles contests against Cal Poly.

Parminder Kaur and Vanessa Nommensen dominated throughout their matchup with Cal Poly's Celine Gruaz and Seriana Saltzen, coming away with a 6-0 victory.

Likewise, Saint Mary's senior Jana McCord played with junior Kareena Manji in doubles and came away victorious, defeating Molly Reed and Susanne Boyden 6-1.

In the third and final doubles match, Saint Mary's freshman Danielle McIntyre partnered with Critser to beat Abigail Bacharach and Louise Oxnevad 6-2 finalizing a doubles sweep for the Gaels.

The Gaels resumed play at the Channing Tennis Courts on Saturday and ended up tallying four victories total, three in singles play and one in doubles play.

McIntyre found success in her singles match on Saturday, winning 7-5, 6-2 over Oxnevad.

Like McIntyre, the senior Kaur won in straight sets as well, defeating Bacharach 6-4, 6-4. The third singles victory of the day came Nommensen, who, like the other two Saint Mary's singles victors, won in straight sets. She defeated Cal Poly's Celine Gruaz 6-0, 6-3.



DANIELLE MCINTYRE won her singles match on Saturday and her Friday and Sunday doubles matches. (Courtesy of SMC Gaels)

While the Gaels didn't find the same success in their doubles matchups on Saturday, Kaur and Nommensen had a very successful outing, Cal Poly's duo of Denise Starr and Maria Smith 6-0.

On the closing day of the Cal Winter Invitational, the Gaels struggled against Cal, who is ranked eighth in the nation, in

singles play.

Cal's first victory came with Cal junior Alexis Nelson's win over Clementine Clement 6-1, 7-5. After that, the next four singles matches went the same way, with Cal winning each one in straight sets.

Nevertheless, the Gaels did salvage some success in singles

play on Sunday. Nommensen was able to bounce back from a first set loss to take the final two sets, ultimately defeating Cal's Audrey Mayer 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

The Gaels found a little more luck in doubles play. A duo of McIntyre and Manji defeated Fresno State's Georgia Lawson and Ndindi Ndunda 6-4.